June Ambassador of the Month – ImHeysus!

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June is here and along with that is the announcement of a new Ambassador of the Month and Community Champion! We'd like to shout out that ImHeysus is June's well-deserved spotlight! ImHeysus represents Xbox Ambassadors admirably by interacting positively with other people no matter where they are connecting. He is inclusive, always up for helping others, and likes to share how awesome he thinks the community is whenever he can!

For ImHeysus, gaming all started with getting a Sega Game Gear when he was a kid. Not being very social, he had fun playing games by himself until he found that sharing it with his neighbor kids turned out to be even better! Having someone to talk about it with made it so much more of an experience. Fast forward to when he joined Xbox Live and played Halo 2 online, it was an amazing experience making friends with people all over the world. He was hooked and haven't let go of his Xbox since then.

ImHeysus became an Xbox Ambassador because he wanted to help people and this was a way to connect with others.

"I'm a sucker for helping people, my career is built around it so when I saw a program that let me help my fellow gamers I had to, it's just in my nature."

After spending some time in the program he began to talk to the other Ambassadors and found them all to be amazing people. They are fun to talk to, inclusive and thoughtful. He made a lot of friends through the years. Read more about his story below!

What does a healthy community look like to you and what do you do to contribute to that vision?

I think the best thing for a community is inclusion, understanding & kindness. Everyone just wants to feel welcomed & equal. This is the biggest thing I strive for whenever I'm online, I certainly see myself more as a competitive gamer but I never let losing diminish my kindness towards others.

How do you think online communities positively impact the lives of gamers?

It's an amazing thing to be able to connect with so many people across the world. It makes it easy to find your best friends & then being able to play

great games with them is an extra bonus. Some of my favorite people have come from Xbox Ambassadors & hosting XboxPlaydates.

Why did you want to become an XA play host and what's your favorite part about it?

It's a great place to be a spotlight for kindness. I want to be a good example of how to be a competitive gamer & enjoy yourself even in a loss. I think there are a lot of streamers that feel their skill gives them a free pass to be rude & that shouldn't be celebrated. Not to mention, I have a ton of fun talking to all of the Ambassadors that come hanging out in the streams.

How did you become involved in the US Playdates? Can you describe what you do and why?

I joined XboxPlaydatesUS on a whim, I really just wanted something fun to offer the Xbox community & this seemed like a great way to do that. Now it's been 7 years since joining & I'm a Co-Lead for XboxPlaydatesUS & Co-Lead for Xbox Playdates Global. We have many other regions that are active & doing the same thing (Canada, LATAM, France, & South Africa) with the hopes that anyone can find a way to join our community. Outside of administration stuff, I rotate streaming to our channel at https://www.twitch.tv/xboxplaydatesus/ with the rest of team, encourage anyone that is watching in chat to join our games & generally just be a welcoming guy. The joy from making friends through these game nights will never get old so I keep coming back week after week 😀

What do you like to doing outside of gaming?

I try to get outside every once in a while, that usually is a hike in our local foothills with my wife & dog, or a game of air soft if I can convince a buddy to [come] with me. I try to be a daredevil, but it’s been difficult to convince my wife to go skydiving with me, I’ve never been but it’s a bucket list so I’ll get to it eventually.

Is there anything else you’d like to talk about?

I would be remiss if I didn’t share some pictures of our animals, we have a tiny 5lb yorkie who is a grumpy old man that runs the house, an adorable pitbull terrier who is a blackhole for affection (seriously, you can’t love on her enough to satisfy her needs). Lastly, we have this cute lil kitty that is the trouble maker.

ImHeysus is simply a kind person who wants the world to be a better place and he’s making that happen.

“Just be kind to one another, understand someone might be having a difficult day & give them the benefit of the doubt. The world needs more love.”

If you know someone who deserves to be recognized in a spotlight like this, nominate them with this form! We’d love to hear their stories!